

## CLAIMS

What is claimed:

5 1) A method for playing a casino game of chance for a bet with random entry from a base game to a bonus game of the casino game of chance, the method comprising the steps of play:  
depicting to the player, before play of the base game, information about a plurality of aspects for playing the bonus game;  
allowing the player to pre-select one of the plurality of aspects for playing the  
10 bonus game before play of the base game, and  
basing the play of the bonus game upon the pre-selected aspect of the bonus game so that the playing of the bonus game is customized by the player in accord with the pre-selected aspect.

15 2) The method of playing the casino game of chance of claim 1 with the step of playing the bonus game including presenting questions and permitting choices of answers about trivia to the player.

20 3) The method of playing the casino game of chance of claim 1 with the step of allowing pre-selection of one of a plurality of aspects including the step of choosing one of a plurality of categories for questions.

25 4) The method of playing the casino game of chance of claim 2 with the step of allowing pre-selection of one of a plurality of aspects including the step of choosing one of a plurality of categories including the difficulty of the questions.

5) The method of playing the casino game of chance of claim 1 with the step of allowing pre-selection including choosing the aspect based on the player adeptness for answering trivia questions from a group of different categories.

6) The method of playing the casino game of chance of claim 1 with the step of allowing pre-selection also changing at least the triggering symbols required during play of the base game on a slot machine for entry into the bonus game.

7) The method of playing the casino game of chance of claim 6 with the step of allowing pre-selection also changing the symbols to be thematic with the pre-selected aspect of the bonus game.

5 8) The method of playing the casino game of chance of claim 1 with the step of allowing pre-selection of sets for choosing by the player on the video touch screen of the casino game of chance.

9) The method of playing the casino game of chance of claim 8 with the step of allowing pre-selection having wedges of a circle for the plurality of aspect for choosing by the player.

10 10) The method of playing the casino game of chance of claim 1 with the step of allowing pre-selection having a menu list wherein the plurality of aspects appear for choosing by the player.

15 11) A method for playing a casino game of chance for a bet with random entry from a base game to a bonus game of the casino game of chance, the method comprising the steps of play:

depicting to the player information about a plurality of aspects for playing the bonus game;

allowing the player to pre-select one of the plurality of aspects for playing the bonus game and

20 basing the play of the bonus game upon the pre-selected aspect of the bonus game so that the playing of the bonus game is customized by the player in accord with the pre-selected aspect.

12) The method of claim 11 wherein the steps of depicting and allowing occur during play of the base game.

25 13) The method of claim 11 wherein the steps of depicting and allowing occur upon entry to the play of the bonus game.